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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/29/03	11/22/03
BRO-FRY	123,256	154,774
LT HENS	727	1,196
HVY HENS	972	1,476

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	U N A V A I L A B L E		
SAME WEEK YR AGO			
TO-DATE/2003			
TO-DATE/2002			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA
	LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL
HEAD	
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS	
LAST WEEK	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	U N A V A I L A B L E
TO-DATE/2003	
TO-DATE/2002	

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	151,254	1,097	1,427	2,524
AVG WT	5.25	3.36	8.22	6.11
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	157,078	1,126	1,656	2,782
SAME WK YR AGO	149,717	1,663	1,556	3,219
AVG WT	5.16	3.71	7.96	5.76
TO-DATE/2003	7,238,024	67,191	66,176	133,367
TO-DATE/2002	7,303,467	81,900	66,918	148,818

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.1 million head or 4 million head more than or 103% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	28,162	29,689	47,181
Avg Weight	3.72	4.78	6.27
% of total /1	27%	28%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,380	31,306	45,207
Avg Weight	3.78	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,158	26,610	46,014
Avg Weight	3.72	4.74	6.25
% of total /1	26%	27%	47%
To date/2003	1,075,901	1,106,697	2,049,340
To date/2002	1,182,306	1,034,637	1,904,371

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,076	3,087	37	0	5,200
AVG WT	15.49	33.59	29.64	0.00	26.34
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,541	3,250	74	23	5,888
SAME WK YR AGO	2,045	3,336	38	65	5,484
AVG WT	15.63	34.26	25.75	23.87	27.18
TO-DATE/2003	89,655	130,039	2,971	598	223,263
TO-DATE/2002	88,188	130,867	2,557	574	222,186

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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